

Hitching Post Workforce Rental Housing Project

*as well as Overnight Lodging for
On-Call Hospital Staff and Patients/Families*



*Pictured: Katie Hansen, RN,
with children Wyatt, Emma, and Bode*

**St. John's** HEALTH

HEALTH DEPENDS ON HOUSING



The ability of the hospital to keep medical services open for the community depends on having workforce rental housing nearby.

- 1** | The Hitching Post project will build approximately 100 rental apartments and overnight lodging units. This new capacity is critical to ensuring St. John's Health has staff to cover regular 24/7/365 work shifts and the community's medical emergencies. There will be a variety of unit types – one/two/three-bedroom and studio apartments. The rental rates for these apartments will be based on employees' income, making these homes an affordable option for all employees.
- 2** | We are dependent on recruiting highly skilled/highly trained staff with licenses and special certifications. These employees, nearly always, need to be recruited to the community. Without housing, we are increasingly unable to recruit health care workers to maintain or expand our services.
- 3** | The Hitching Post is just steps away from the hospital campus, a short easy walk to work for employees who live there. It is also in close proximity to a START Bus stop, providing easy access to public transportation, and the ability to travel throughout the community without a personal vehicle.

Pictured: Yan Chan Olais, RN, The Birth Center



I was born at St. John's, raised in Jackson, and have been working at the hospital for the past sixteen years.

I now find myself one monthly rental increase or one home sale away from having to move my family out of the only place we've ever called home."

- Katie Hansen, RN
Clinical Manager PCU



Providing adequate housing for staff near the hospital is imperative to the ongoing health and safety of our entire community."

- Jennifer Chiappa, MSN, RN
Chief Nursing Officer



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St. John's Health is requesting less than 1/3 of the total project cost from SPET. St. John's Health, with support from St. John's Health Foundation, will take responsibility for the rest of the project cost and all ongoing operating expenses.

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We will continue to provide overnight lodging for out-of-area patients and families who need to stay near the hospital due to medical emergencies, imminent labor and delivery, or scheduled appointments.

About SPET

In the November General Election, Teton County, WY voters will have the opportunity to approve the Hitching Post workforce rental housing project for SPET (Special Purpose Excise Tax) funding. SPET is a one-cent sales tax collected to help fund community projects. SPET is not a new tax, and SPET is not part of property taxes. Visitors help pay for SPET projects when they pay sales tax in our community. Voters can approve all of the SPET ballot items they support, without increasing the sales tax rate we pay in Teton County.

SPET Ballot Initiative #6:

Here's what your ballot will look like:

St. John's Health Housing

\$24,000,000 for planning, design, engineering, and constructing workforce rental housing, as well as overnight lodging for on-call hospital staff and patients/families.

This project is sponsored by the Town of Jackson.

FOR the Proposition _____

AGAINST the Proposition _____



To learn more about this project, please visit:
www.stjohns.health/housing